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1. At 1400 hours on 20 October 1947, three torpedoes being fired from Cantrida, Fiume. It is not clear whether the trial was intended as a test for the torpedoes or for the torpedo crews.

2. During the trial all water traffic was held up by two motor launches, capable of about twenty-two knots; these launches also picked up the torpedoes at the end of their run.

3. The torpedoes were fired from fixed tubes on land, about two meters above the surface. Their course was between three and four kilometers. At the end of the run they surfaced.

4. The course to be followed by the torpedoes was marked by about fifteen buoys.

5. A large number of workmen were seen leaving the torpedo factory; about 70 per cent of the 350 employees were judged to be Italians. Many were "compromised Communists" who fled from Monfalcone in Italy.

6. There is one sentry outside the gate of the torpedo factory. The total guard consists of twelve enlisted men of the Narodna Odbrana. The guard is changed daily at 1300 hours. No one is permitted to enter or leave the Silurificio while work is in progress except high officials. On entering and leaving everyone has his special entry permit checked against his identity card.

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